THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

Wood-based industries in U.P.

1222. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wood-based industries so far set up in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of these industries are facing difficulties due to shortage of raw material; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) 4 units have been set up and are functioning in the Organised Sector.

(b) Government have no information.

(c) Does not arise.

Sick and closed industries in Uttar Pradesh

1223. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) what is the total number of sick and closed industrial units in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) whether Government have any plan to help reopen these industries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Information regarding the sick and closed industrial units in the country is not maintained centrally in this Ministry. Information on closures of industrial units due to reasons other than industrial disputes such as scarcity of raw material, power shortage, break-down of machinery, lack of demands etc. is available in the Labour Bureau. According to the latest provisional returns received in the Labour Bureau, the number of closures in Uttar Pradesh was 17 during 1984, 14 during 1985 and 2 during 1986 (upto May).

(b) and (c) The Central Government have laid down policy guidelines in October 1981 for the guidance of Ministries/Departments of the Government, banks and financial institutions for revival and rehabilitation of sick units, the salient features of which have been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15-7-1982.

No industry district in Madhya Pradesh

1224. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of 'no-industry' districts in Madhya Pradesh and what are their names;

(b) what are the proposals under consideration of the Central Government for setting up big and small scale industries in 'no-industry' districts in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There are eighteen 'No-Industry Districts' in the State of Madhya Pradesh viz. Balaghat, Bhind, Chhatarpur, Chhindwara, Damoh, Datia, Dhar, Guna, Jhabua, Mandla, Narsinhapur, Panna, Seoni, Rajgarh, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Surguja, and Tikamgarh.

(b) and (c) Industrialisation of specific districts is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. However, the Central Government supplements their efforts by providing various concessions/incentives for encouraging

entrepreneurs to set up their units in the identified backward areas/No. Industry Districts. The details of concessions|incentives admissible to entrepreneurs for setting up industries in No Industry Districts, are given in the booklet "Incentives for Industries in backward Areas (Central Government and Central Financial Institutions) April, 1984" read with this Ministry's Press Note No. 14|2|83-DBA-I, dated 9.4.85, copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

During last three years the following amounts have been reimbursed to Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme for setting up industries in identified backward areas:

(Rs. in crores)

1983-84	6·28
1984-85	5·27
1985-86	12·48
1986-87 upto to June	4·34

During 1983 to 1986 (up to May), the following number of Letters of Intent (LIs) and Industrial Licences (ILs) have been issued for setting up Industries in the State of Madhya Pradesh:

Year	Total		Backward areas		No Industry Districts	
	L.Is.	I.Ls.	L.Is.	I.Ls.	L.Is.	I.Ls.
1983	54	30	45	19	22	5
1984	77	36	76	23	33	10
1985	89	39	79	29	45	10
1986 (up to May)	23	13	21	10	16	4

Under the Scheme of Central Assistance for development of infrastructural facilities in No-Industry Districts Malanpur, Manheri, Meghnagar, Pithampur, Punera and Pillukhedi growth centres, identified by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the districts of Bhind, Mandla, Jhabua, Dhar, Panna and Rajgarh respectively have been approved for development of infrastructural facilities.

1225. (*Transferred to the 14th August*, 1986)

Supreme Court Bench at Guwahati

1225. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received Memoranda for the setting up of a Bench of the Supreme Court of India at Guwahati and a Bench of the Guwahati High Court at Dibrugarh to cater to the needs of the people of the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) whether the setting up of a Supreme Court Bench at Guwahati is likely to be announced during 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) A representation has been received for the establishment of a Bench of the Supreme Court at Guwahati to cater to the needs of the people of the North Eastern Region.

Representations had been received earlier for the establishment of Benches of the Supreme Court for the southern and eastern regions also.